

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

The
Forward
O. P.

The assortment of Christmas cards that came through the mail seemed to me to be more attractive than ever before. Beautiful designs, good humor and old-fashioned homely sentiment all contrived to bring Season's Greetings. Because I know they were made by the senders personally I mention the photographic card of Melvin Bibbens who spent long hours in his dark room reproducing and later coloring his striking picture of a gnarled old Joshua tree; the woodcut design from the studio of Kirk Martin, artist, engineer and teacher; and the delightful water color done by Laura Barringer who formerly taught the youngsters in the movie studios.

The recent freezes have brought to light many of the slap-happy methods of construction that characterized the first home-building attempts in this area. War shortages necessitated the use of inferior materials at times but lack of any plumbing inspection is evident in the many split water pipes that should be inside the walls instead of above ground, outside the house and exposed to the sun as well as the cold. And some day, maybe, we will quit kidding our selves in Southern California and admit that central heating has a lot in its favor. Too few home builders are taking advantage of the type overhang that keeps out the sun in summer and utilizes its low winter rays to help with the heating problem.

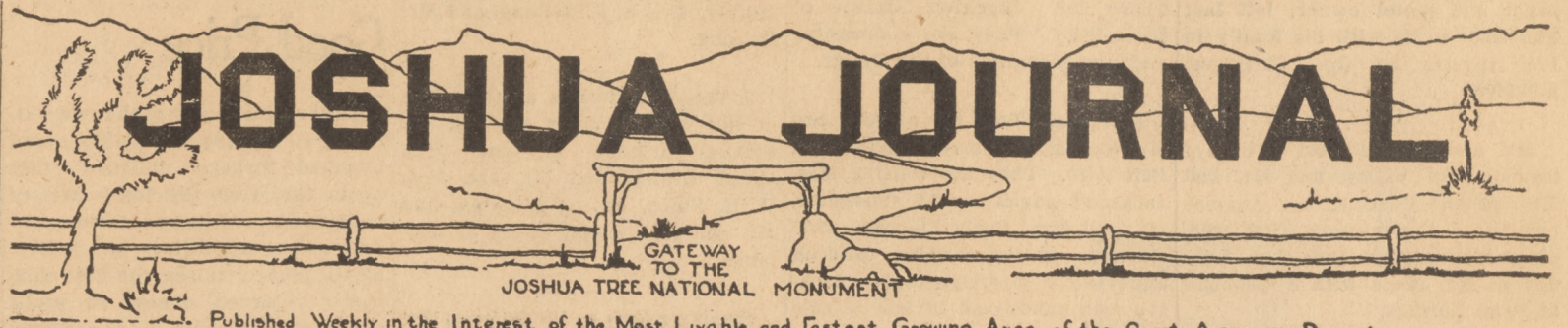
PTA, Community Association Hold Joint Meeting

Last Tuesday evening the joint meeting of the Community Association and the Parent-Teachers Association was crowded with feature attractions at the Joshua Tree Community Hall. Charles Watkins of the Baseline Highway Association was the principal speaker.

Watkins, in telling of the work of the Highway group, explained the progress of the improvement of the road leading to the Colorado River from 29 Palms. He told of the efforts of members of the Association to interest state and county officials in the project by which it is hoped to provide an access highway to this area from eastern points. The details of the present reorganization of the Baseline Highway Association and its membership plan were outlined. Watkins conducted a question and answer period at the conclusion of his formal talk.

Another highlight of the program was the presentation of \$59 in cash and merchandise to F. F. Grant.

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Winter Weather Cramps Desert's Style

Sandab Designer Bags Wildcat

Mrs. Kirk Martin, designer of Sandabs, sensational new desert footwear, is not satisfied with her fame as a designer and has now invaded the big game hunting field. Last Wednesday afternoon she brought down a tawny wildcat in the yard of the Martin canyon home between Yucca and Morongo Valleys.

In the Martin home there is a cat trap through which their blue Persian can come and go. Late in the afternoon when Mrs. Martin stepped out of the door she saw the wildcat at the Persians private entrance. The cat bounded away and the petite designer reached for a handy .22 rifle inside the door. Remembering that her brother had told her a cat will always stop and look back—out of typical feline curiosity—the huntress waited and when the cat stopped a few yards away and peered above a rock Mrs. Martin brought it down with a shot through the jugular vein.

When interviewed by a Journal reporter Mrs. Martin was undecided whether to fashion some Sandabs from the pelt or use it for a hearth rug.

Specialist Opens Office at 29 Palms

Dr. John J. Smith, M.D., member of the International College of Surgeons, American Medical Association and California Physicians Service has recently established his residence in Twentynine Palms and this week announces the opening of his offices in that community. An open house will be held at his office in the Jones Building on Adobe Road midway between Four Corners and The Plaza on January 5th from 2 to 4 p.m.

Following years of study in his specialty in San Francisco, New York, Vienna, London and the Mayo Clinic Dr. Smith practiced in San Francisco and Los Angeles counties. He is well prepared with modern equipment for the treatment of nose and throat ailments; tonsil and adenoid surgery; ear disorders; refractions and fitting of glasses and plastic surgery in face and neck abnormalities, he announces.

Power Line Reaches Sun Valley

The long awaited line of poles that will bring electric power to the turkey center of this desert region has now reached the Sun Valley ranches. Crews of the California Electric Power Company have been busy the past two weeks setting the tall poles and placing the cross arms and insulators. Within the next three or four weeks it is expected that all lines will have been installed and the juice will start to flow.

Starting at the main line four miles east of Joshua Tree the poles run north to the edge of K Field then turn east for a few hundred yards to clear the landing strips at the flying field. Safely past the field the line turns west back to the Sun Valley road and then continues north to the center of the ranch area. Crews are now setting poles along the easements to service each ranch and home and business lot. For the present the line will be served through the Joshua Tree substation.

Hot Trio to Play At New Year's Party

A new musical group will make its debut at the New Year's Eve party sponsored by the Joshua Tree Community Association to be given Friday night at Sportsman's Hall. The Honeydrippers, as they are billed, have been rehearsing for several weeks and will offer sweet and hot tunes for those who plan to watch the old year out and the new one in. At the piano will be Mrs. Dean W. Fairbanks, an accomplished master of the piano-forte. Hot Lips Leon Duval will show how he formerly made the welkin ring in the Windy City with his saxophone. The down beat will be given and the tempo set by Bud Thorne on the drums just the way he used to do it with big name bands.

Herb Longshaw, head of the dance committee, has been aided in the preparations for the evening by Mrs. Charles Peterson who will be in charge of buffet refreshments; Mrs. Henrietta Pepper, attendance;

The weatherman apparently got his signals mixed last weekend and sent the wrong team into a game of freeze out with the unsuspecting dwellers in the desert regions. Instead of sunshine, soft breezes and blue skies he trotted out the shock troops of snow, rain, icy blasts and freezing temperatures. With the exception of Christmas day which

New Industry Moves to Sun Valley

With the purchase last week by the Leo Emigs of Lila Brooks ceramic shop in 29 Palms the fast growing community of Rancho Sun Valley was assured of a brand new industry. Mrs. Emig, who will operate the business, expects to be ready to operate in her Sun Valley shop within the next four to six weeks.

A building at the Emig ranch is now under construction. It will house the firing kiln and the designing and moulding studio. In addition to engaging in commercial production of ceramic art and utility objects Mrs. Emig plans to conduct classes in the art. She stated that afternoon classes and possibly one night class will be offered. Mrs. Emig is now taking reservations for these classes.

Formerly a painter of china Mrs. Emig has also been associated with the late Martha Emig, designer for large midwestern establishments, and has assisted in the ceramics business of her sister, Mrs. Gilman Hoyt in Compton.

The clay used in the making of ceramic objects will be purchased from commercial sources but Mrs. Emig plans to experiment with local clay and adobe to determine its possible utilization in her industry.

The cement plant formerly operated by Leo Emig at Sun Valley has been purchased by Oscar Engle of Yucca Valley. The new owners expect to move the plant to Yucca Valley in the near future. Mr. Emig is now with the Dale Chemical Industries at their plant east of 29 Palms.

and Mrs. Gus Ojala, in charge of cake walks and special events. The committee announces that horns, whistles and other noisemakers will be provided. According to the tickets which are now on sale the affair will start at 9 p.m. and last until the last dog is hung or the cows come home, whichever is later. Door prizes will be awarded.

was sunny and clear the weather from Thursday until Monday was typically Californian, unusual — to say the least. The desert dwellers were caught with their water pipes exposed and suffered a humiliating drubbing. Unprepared, out of condition and poorly coached the denizens of this normally ideal region for better living came out of the weekend weather game a poor second.

The casualty list included split auto radiators, cracked motor blocks, and broken water pipes. The snow and ice on the roads accounted for at least one overturned car and a few scares as vehicles skidded into ditches. Filling stations and garages were kept busy thawing out radiators and starting reluctant autos. On Sunday most of the service stations were sold out of radiator stop-leak compounds and anti-freeze.

The fuel dealers got little rest during the Christmas holiday. Frantic and freezing home owners kept the phone wires busy with SOS calls for more gas and oil. Plumbers were unable to keep up with the growing total of gushing water pipes that had frozen and burst to become spraying fountains after the day brought slowly rising temperatures. Many families who had gone to Grandma's for Christmas returned to find flooded floors and yards.

The weatherman relented a bit on Christmas and let the sun warm

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Bouchey's Offer Gala New Year's Eve

At Bouchey's, popular restaurant and cocktail lounge in Yucca Valley, the feature of their New Year's Eve celebration will be an extra special dinner at a more than attractive price. Added to this will be an evening of music and entertainment for their patrons. The dinner will be served from 6 p.m. until the traditional midnight hour for Auld Lang Syne.

Tommy and Gwen Bouchey have planned a special menu for the occasion and will offer their usual fine selection of cocktails. Their advertisement giving the full menu appears on page 3 of this issue of the Journal.

The Personal Touch

Balthazar Kundert, Joshua Tree artist and motel owner, left last Thursday to be with his family in Los Angeles for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kroes of Rancho Sun Valley, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beals of Los Angeles celebrated the former's first wedding anniversary and the birthday of Mr. Beals with a weekend at Palm Springs.

Arthur Gerhard came from Santa Maria to be with Mrs. Gerhard at their home, Rancho Pequito, in Joshua Tree for Christmas. With the F. F. Branthoovers they were guests at the E. C. Morse home in Yucaipa for Christmas eve. Mrs. Morse is the daughter of the Branthoovers.

L. S. Kaser of Long Beach was a Rancho Sun Valley visitor last Sunday week. He was inspecting the turkey ranches with Steve Moninger.

Mrs. Julia O'Reilly of St. Paul, mother of Mrs. Elizabeth Buckley, is spending the winter at her daughter's Joshua Tree cottage on Sunburst Circle.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Wilson departed last Tuesday for Texas and Oklahoma. They will visit relatives during the Christmas holiday season.

E. Kaltenbach, a Journal subscriber from Phoenix, Arizona, last week became the owner of two 1½ acre turkey ranches which he purchased in Rancho Sun Valley.

Bob Crane, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Crane is visiting his parents for the holidays. Bob is a staff sergeant in the Air Force stationed at McChord Field, Wash.

Visitors last Wednesday at the Leo Emig home in Sun Valley were Mr. and Mrs. Gilman Hoyt of Compton. Spending the weekend with the Emigs were Mrs. Carl Chase and daughter, Jackie of Montebello. They are a daughter and granddaughter of the Emigs.

In Joshua Tree for a week are Mr. and Mrs. Warren Jackson of Palo Alto. They are visiting Mrs. Jackson's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Larsen. Mrs. Jackson is the former Mildred Jaffe whose marriage to Mr. Jackson was announced in last week's Journal.

Mary Burson enjoyed Christmas with her sister, Miss Lou Housley in Los Angeles.

A twenty-nine pound turkey, home grown, was the feature of a family dinner at the Leo Emig home in Rancho Sun Valley. Present for the feast were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Emig of Los Angeles, Miss Marion Emig of Montrose, Mrs. Carl Chase and daughter, Jackie of Montebello, Miss Anne Emig and the Leo Emigs.

The George Ledesmas and the Robert Kroes enjoyed a family Christmas dinner together at the Ledesma home in Rancho Sun Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Len Duval entertained members of the staff at the Institute of Mentalphysics on Christmas day. Present were Mrs. Edwin Dingle, Mrs. Mary Thomas, William Weber, and the host and hostess.

At the R. K. Fields for Christmas dinner were Miss Freida Browning and Lennie Seldak of Inglewood, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bacon, parents of Mrs. Fields, and the host couple. The Fields left Sunday to be gone until Friday in Inglewood.

Don Walker, son of Mrs. Charles Hanna, on furlough from the Army

Signal Corps, spent the holiday in Joshua Tree visiting friends.

Virginia Herling went to Yucaipa for Christmas dinner with her mother, Mrs. S. F. DeLong, and Mr. DeLong.

A family gathering at the home of the Harold Josts and R. E. Staceys included Mr. and Mrs. Frank Grande and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Stacy, Jr., of Banning, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Fields of Redlands.

Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Longshaw were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crosby and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Longshaw of Alhambra.

At the Hillard Laffertys for Christmas dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Les Hansen of Burbank.

Dr. and Mrs. Jesse B. Mossman left the first of this week to arrange for living quarters near Cammarillo State Hospital where Dr. Mossman will resume his duties on the staff about the first of the year. While in Joshua Tree Dr. and Mrs. Mossman occupied the Hedin home on Valley View Circle.

Mr. and Mrs. Meredith Willey were guests of the James F. Whitehorns in Palm Springs on Christmas Day.

Royalty Comes To the Desert

James Lafferty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hillard Lafferty, is the proud host to a flock of royalty, canine variety, since Queen gave birth to six princes and princesses last week at the Lafferty ranch on the Highway at Yucca Mesa Road. Queen was a bit inconsiderate in foisting the royal brood on Master James as she had only been in residence at her present home three days before the accouchement.

The problem of housing is becoming acute at the Laffertys because of the presence of a goat and two cats that are the pride and joy of James and his younger brother Charles.

According to latest information from the royal bedside no date has been set for the christening. The "king" who was at least partly responsible for the litter is at present away on matters of state and could not be located for a statement.

Sun Valley Turkey Flocks Bring Good Price

First returns from the marketing of all but 700 Sun Valley broad breasted turkeys indicate that again this year the local crop of holiday dinners has paid the growers well. According to Robert Kroes, pioneer raiser, the first shipments returned almost \$3 profit per bird. Because of a shortage of marketable birds this year a good profit was to be expected. Because of this shortage, stated Robert Beal of Ranchway Feeds, turkey raisers were even trying to purchase from each other in order to supply the demand.

The last large shipment consisted of 1100 turkeys from the Abel Terrazas ranch last week. The remaining 700 in the Schroeder Brothers flock will be sent to the processing plant of the S.C.T.G.A. in Riverside the first part of January 1949.

Orders for eggs to be hatched for local growers to be delivered early next year already total 27,000. At least a half dozen prospective orders.

On the Job For the DAV



CINCINNATI — General Jonathan M. Wainwright, hero of Bataan and Corregidor, is devoting his time and energy to the cause of the disabled veteran. National Commander of the Disabled American Veterans, General Wainwright is shown at work at his desk in DAV National Headquarters.

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Yucca Valley Notes

For Christmas dinner Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Bouchey entertained Mrs. Bouchey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Maxwell of Long Beach, and Mrs. June Vogel of Santa Ana, Tommy's daughter.

Mrs. Florence Harmon of Yucca Valley, former Journal correspondent, has been seriously ill for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Johnston of Palm Springs, accompanied by Mrs. E. Orr, spent Sunday in Yucca Valley. The Johnstons are owners of Stones Date Store in Palm Springs.

Frenchy LeFevre spent Christmas day with his wife and two sons in Balboa.

Minna Gombel of movie fame and De Churchill of Hollywood drove out from the city to spend Christmas eve with Gwen and Tommy Bouchey.

The Wilke family of Yucca Valley, early home owners here, made up a party of nine for Sunday dinner at Boucheys. Present were the senior Wilkes and the families of their two sons.

Yucca Man Pinned Under Car

Tom Scarvin of Yucca Valley was pinned under his car and his wife painfully bruised when the vehicle skidded on the icy road two miles west of Yucca Valley last Thursday morning. Fortunately the car did not catch fire. Mr. Scarvin had one arm under the car and had to wait until passing motorists could extricate him.

The rain, snow and freezing weather caused the Scarvin car to skid out of control and overturn.

Cunningham to Work for District And County Good

H. George Cunningham who early this month took office as Supervisor for the First District of San Bernardino County in a recent communication to his constituents pledges himself to work for the betterment of the district and the county without catering to any special groups or individuals. Pertinent parts of his letter to the Journal are printed here.

"You might be interested to know that I made no commitments during the election campaign—no promises to groups or individuals. I pledged myself only to do my utmost to bring about good county government. That pledge—with the help of all of you—I shall keep.

"I need your advice and counsel. I need the first hand information you can give me regarding local conditions and local problems. I intend to be a working supervisor, giving my entire time to the job at hand.

"I will serve no special interests. I will serve the district as a whole and the county as a whole.

"I do not desire to make our district a bigger district—nor our county a bigger county. They are already the largest in the world. It will be enough for me if, when I complete my term in office, my friends and my neighbors and my supporters can honestly say, it is a better district and a better county. I seek your help and your support to make them so.

"Sincerely yours,
H. GEORGE CUNNINGHAM,
Supervisor, First District
San Bernardino County."

Mrs. Scarvin was not seriously injured although she was bruised about the head and shaken up.

Santa at Rancho Sun Valley Party

Santa Claus visited the youngsters and their parents at Rancho Sun Valley last Wednesday evening. Nineteen of the young fry and eighteen of the older celebrants gathered at the George Ledesma home around the big Christmas tree to await the coming of the Yuletide gift-giver who was portrayed by Mrs. Leo Emig. To the accompaniment of sleigh bells Santa Claus bounded in with a bag of candy and toys which were distributed to the youngsters.

Many of the gifts for all were brought by Mrs. Hank Hollinger as well as the parents. Christmas readings were given by Mrs. Vera Braham and Robert Kroes. After a Christmas carol song session refreshments were served.

It is planned to make an annual affair of the neighborhood Christmas party.

New Manager at Yucca Village Drug

E. D. Levy of Los Angeles last week assumed the management of the Yucca Village Drug Store it was announced late last week. Mr. Levy succeeds former manager Hancock who has returned to his former home in Santa Ana. The new manager is no stranger to the patrons of the Drug store as he formerly assisted Francis Lamberty in the conduct of the business.

Mr. and Mrs. Levy are making their home in Yucca Valley. They have an apartment at the Hatrack Motel.

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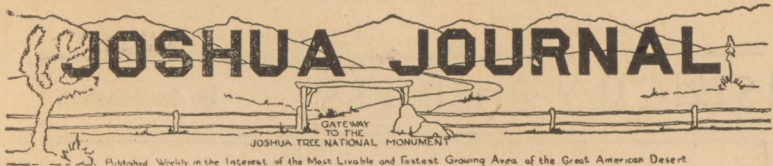
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RESOLVED—

Once again that time of year has arrived when custom decrees that we shall make good resolutions for the next 365 days. How long we abide by these resolutions is something that is hard to predict. At least in the making of them we get a chance to review our past shortcomings.

We in Joshua Tree might profitably resolve to view the future with a knowledge that the war born super-prosperity has passed and life from now on may be a somewhat tougher grind. Noses will become familiar with the grindstone once again. To keep on growing and prospering we will have to apply some elbow grease.

We might resolve to be more tolerant of our neighbor's shortcomings as we hope that he will overlook our own defects. We might also resolve to work together for the civic betterment of our community and this desert area, keeping in mind that the other fellow often has ideas that are better than ours. A sincere desire to get along with our neighbors will result in a better community for all of us.

Good resolutions are easy to make and sometimes hard to keep. Just an honest desire to better ourselves and our homes will result in a better community for all of us.

We hereby resolve to do all we can to make 1949 a Happy and Prosperous Year for all who live "where the desert lures and the climate cures."

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I'm packing my grip; I'm closing my doors; I'm leaving this desert behind; the days are so lonely, the night-time too still; my speed quiets down I now find. Why linger here longer since health I've regained? Why tarry amidst this vast space? I'll go back to the city, I'll join in the din, I'll resume my former mad pace.

(In the City)

I'm surrounded by comforts and luxuries, plenty; my time is all taken I find. I'm busy with 'phone calls, solicitors, tradesmen, and so many errands to mind! The darkness comes on but it, too, takes its toll,—for the gay crowds have only begun; the radio blares, and the auto-declares the young folks are out for some fun! But now I grow restless;—I can't quite explain it;—like a homesick longing it seems;—like a SOMETHING bigger and better within holding me fast to my dreams! There's an urge to be free in body and soul,—like the call of the primitive races; and at last I must own that nothing atones for the joy of the great open spaces!

Since I've diagnosed the case, my steps I'll retrace, and I hope I'll never more leave her;—for at last I've found out (there can be no doubt) I've a case of that old Desert-Fever!

The Good Samaritan

By RUTH HALE

For the first time in my life, I was pulling a luggage trailer, for I was moving to the desert for the winter. My son was following me in his car which is of an ancient vintage. We stopped in a small town for our lunch and my son told me I didn't need to drive so slowly, so, when I got on the speedway, I hit it up pretty fast.

For a number of miles I could see my son's car in the rear view mirror, and then I lost him.

I stopped and waited, thinking he might have had a flat tire but time passed and he didn't come. Then I began to worry. All sorts of things passed through my mind. My son is a diabetic. Had he eaten too much lunch? Was he in a coma? Had he had an accident?

I got out of my car and tried to

flag down some of the passing attention to me. I leaned on the Trailer and looked down the road, wondering what I should do. I didn't dare go to a cross-over and try to get back to him, for he might have come on and I would have lost him.

Just as I was becoming more frantic, a car slowed and stopped! A very kindly looking gentleman called to me and asked me if I were in trouble. I told him my predicament. So I put a note on my car, and we went back where we finally saw him. He was walking up and down looking most unhappy and dejected. The pace I had set had been just too much for his poor old car and it had thrown a rod.

Our good Samaritan not only pushed my son's car to the next town, but arranged for a tow car to take it to a good garage where it could be fixed. He was a big man in that community but he had taken time to help perfect strangers!

Health for All

HEALTH RESOLUTIONS

This is the time of year when we are most apt to take stock of ourselves, check up on our shortcomings and resolve to do better. One of the best New Year's resolutions we can make is to insure our good health in the months ahead by following sound health habits.

A regular yearly physical examination, including a chest X-ray, is an excellent form of health insurance. The various tests which the doctor makes can reveal disease long before the individual is aware of anything wrong and will allow him to treat the disease before it has had time to gain a strong hold. In the same way, a twice-yearly dental check-up, and the treatment of minor dental ailments, may save much unnecessary pain and expense.

Maintaining good health calls for a sufficient amount of rest every

night, the avoidance of overwork and overplay. The number of hours of sleep necessary varies with the individual but the average adult feels best when he sleeps eight hours in every twenty-four.

Proper diet is one of the most important factors in building and maintaining health. The everyday diet should include such basic foods as milk, butter, and other fats; eggs, meat or fish; fresh fruits and vegetables; bread and other cereal foods.

Good personal health habits demand daily bathing and the washing of hands before every meal.

Last but not least, we should all spend some time each day in the open air, and take some form of exercise, suited to our age and physical condition.

Rest, good food, fresh air, exercise, personal cleanliness and regular physical check-ups will pay health dividends, not only in 1949 but in years to come.

Joint Meeting

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hoover for his winning slogan for Joshua Tree, "Where the Desert lures and the Climate cures." Harry Wheeler, chairman of the committee which conducted the competition made the presentation on behalf of the Community Association. A surplus of \$16, less expenses of the contest was turned over to the treasurer.

Jack Crane reported on the flood control program for this area.

It was announced that the next meeting of the Association will be held in the Sunland Theater building on January 4th.

Following the business session of the Community Association the PTA officers conducted a short meeting to show the procedure of this civic group. The latter part of the evening was devoted to a social session during which the PTA served refreshments of cookies, cake and coffee.

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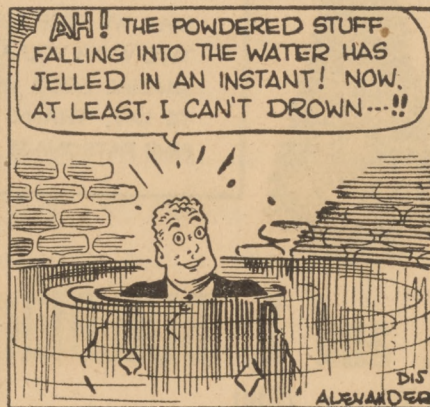
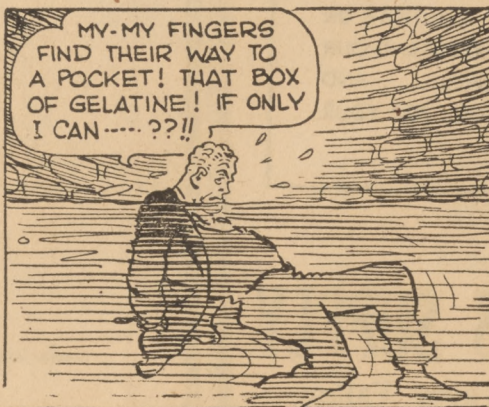
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Feed your backyard poultry flock generously, says Lloyd P. Sharp, Assistant Farm Adviser of the University of California Agricultural Extension Service. You needn't waste feed, but good egg production depends upon generous feeding. Don't worry about the birds getting too fat. A good egg-producing hen will not get too fat to lay well. If a hen gets too fat, it's a sure sign she's a poor producer and should be killed for home consumption at once.

The problem of feeding a backyard flock is made easier by the fact that chickens over three months old can choose the feed they need when a variety of feeds is placed before them. A good laying mash, a mixture of whole grains, and clean fresh water are the most important essentials of good poultry nutrition.

You should have grit available for the birds at all times. It helps them to grind the coarse feeds. Pebbles or granite grit will serve the purpose. Laying hens also need oyster shells or limestone grit to provide the calcium carbonate to make the egg shells.

Finally, the flock should receive tender green feed whenever it is available. Fresh lawn clippings, lettuce leaves, swiss chard, and beet or carrot tops make good green feed for chickens. Yellow carrots are good for them, too . . . they provide lots of vitamin A.

You can throw them your stale bread and other clean table scraps, as long as you are careful about spoiled meat or vegetables . . . they may kill the birds.

Sharp believes there is no reason why a backyard poultry flock should be a burden or a complicated procedure. For those who are interested in starting such a project, he has several helpful leaflets available upon request at the local Agricultural Extension Service office, Room 7, Post Office Building, Riverside.

AMA to Push Voluntary Health Insurance

The American Medical Association today announced it has retained the public relations and campaign management firm of Whitaker & Baxter as public relations counsel to direct a Nation-wide program of public education, designed "to promote voluntary health insurance and alert the American people to the danger of a government - controlled compulsory health system."

Clem Whitaker and Leone Baxter, managers of the public relations firm, which has its home offices in San Francisco, announced that the National campaign would be directed from Chicago, and declared:

"We are not just going to Congress to plead our case. We are going to the American people, who would have to pay the bill, in new and burdensome payroll taxes, and in inferior medical care, if Congress enacted a system of compulsory health insurance."

Dr. George F. Lull, general manager of the American Medical Association, in announcing the AMA's program, declared:

"Political medicine is a dangerous plague that would seriously impair the physical health and social and economic welfare of the American people. American medicine would be false to its trust if it failed to alert the people to the danger of a politically - controlled medical system."

Mr. Whitaker and Miss Baxter, who will direct the AMA program, have served as public relations counsel for the California Medical Association for the past four years and have directed the campaign in this State against compulsory health insurance, which has been repeatedly defeated in the Legislature.

They outlined the AMA's Nation-wide program as follows:

"The immediate objective is the defeat of the compulsory health insurance program in Congress.

"The long-term objective is to strike at the root of the evil and spike the agitation for socialized medicine by (1) awakening the people to the danger of a government-regimented health system; (2) convincing the people, through a Nation-wide campaign of public education, of the superior advantages of American medicine over the government-dominated medical systems of other countries; (3) stimulating the growth of voluntary health insurance systems to take the economic shock out of illness and increase the availability of medical care to the American people."

Tips For Buying Dishes

Do you know what you are choosing when you buy dishes?

Home Demonstration Agent, of Mrs. Marguerite Wurtsbaugh, of the University of California Agricultural Extension Service, reminds you that the term dishes includes all kinds of pottery, earthen ware, vitreous ware, china, and porcelain. She adds that all the dishes are alike in that they are made of mixtures of clay, flint, and feldspar.

What will be the main use of the dishes you are buying? Perhaps you want a special set for breakfast use. Pottery and earthen ware are often used for this purpose. Pottery differs from china in that it is usually made from coarse clays. It is opaque, uneven and sometimes only partially glazed. It is not fired to a hard state, and that is what makes the difference between earthen ware and fine china. China is made from combinations of very special clay and fired very hard.

Do you know how you can tell a piece of fine china from a piece of fine earthen ware? Hold it to the light. If you can see the shape of your fingers through it, it will be fine china. A china plate, when struck with a pencil, will produce a clear bell-like tone. It has been fired at such a high temperature that it is completely non-porous and non-absorbent. If it is broken it leaves a clear fracture like broken glass.

If you are choosing a fine set of china to use for your very spec-

ial occasions, remember that the amount of decoration will affect the cost. If the design is very elaborate it will require more handling when it is being made. Some dishes have to be handled and fired as many as five or six times . . . and if they have extra hand work they will be more costly.

Would you like to know whether the china you have on hand is

coarse or fine? If you have a broken piece you can sometimes tell by looking at it through a magnifying glass. Or put a drop of red ink on the broken part and let it dry. If the clay has been fired to a very hard state, as in the fine chinaware, the red ink will wash off completely. If the clay is coarse, the red ink will not wash off.

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By d'Alessio



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Purchasing Deciduous Fruit Trees

Are you planting an orchard this winter or spring?

Climatic conditions of San Bernardino Valley limit the types and varieties of such deciduous fruits as apples, peaches, plums, that can be grown.

Assistant Farm Adviser Andrew A. McCornack says that many people purchase trees from eastern nurseries which are not at all adaptable to our climate. The warm winter weather which is good for citrus and other subtropical fruits is not good for many of our deciduous fruits.

Most deciduous fruit trees require cool weather in the winter time to meet their chilling requirements. For instance, for normal development in the spring, different varieties of peaches require varying lengths of cold weather. The Babcock variety is adapted to our climate and even after especially warm winters will leaf out and produce a normal crop. Varieties such as White Reath and Crawford require more cold weather in the winter time than we get on the average in this climate. After warm winters they fail to leaf out normally and bear little if any fruit.

Cherries, apples, and years all do much better at a higher altitude where the weather is colder or in a cooler climate. A few varieties of apples have been adapted so that they will produce in the warmer areas, but the fruit is of low quality.

It is advisable to purchase fruit trees from local nurseries which know local conditions and varieties adapted to our climate. Trees from eastern nurseries are equally as good if varieties are purchased which are known to produce satisfactorily in this area.

Purchase well-grown one-year-old trees, rather than older trees which already have branched. Young vigorous trees become established more readily and develop into a better tree than trees which have been grown in these nurseries another year to obtain more size before selling.

Many people are disappointed each year by purchasing trees not adapted to our climate. A list of

fruit and berry varieties best adapted to our locality can be obtained by writing to the Agricultural Extension Service, 218 Federal Building, San Bernardino, Calif.

The Man At The Keyhole

By Operative WB

While most every department and arm of State Government is prepared to go before the Legislature in January and request an increase in budget, there's one notable exception. Lt. Governor Goodwin J. Knight, our operative reports, is determined to trim ex-

penses and save the taxpayers money. He'll ask for \$5,000 less this coming year!

Senator Earl Desmond of Sacramento is ready to toss his hat in the ring, in 1950, our sport reports as a candidate for State Attorney-General.

California's Bartley Crum, attorney, author of "Behind the Silken Curtain," and presently publisher of the New York Star, is reportedly Harry Truman's number one choice for U. S. Ambassador to Israel even though he's a Republican! It's doubtful that anyone in America has fought harder to advance the Israeli cause than this fighting Irishman.

Winter Weather

(Continued from page 1)

the shivering and bewildered desertites all day long. Sunday the clouds rolled in again and during the night they opened up with a drizzling rain below 3500 feet altitude. Above that a white mantle of snow blanketed the foothills and mountains. Monday morning the top of the Yucca grade was snow covered and the road was

filled with slush that made fast driving hazardous.

The desert, however, was not subjected to the pall of smoke that hung over the citrus growing regions and made headlights a must for drivers. Nor was it blasted by the high winds and dust of the coastal regions. In spite of the temporary discomfort the moisture was welcomed by a land made over-thirsty by the past year's prolonged drouth.

Photo Classics



A heartsick daughter weeps over her mother's prostrate form in this touching Speed Graphic picture made a few moments after the victim was struck by a Chicago taxi. Suffering double fracture of the right leg and shock, she died four days later.

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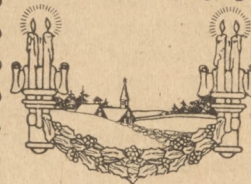
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Church Corner

by Edythe Fraetle

Because so many are out of town for the Christmas holidays our attendance at the Sunday School and church services was very small.

The pastor, Dr. David C. Williams, used John 14:1-29 as his Scripture lesson.

We were shown how important is the advent of Christ today as well as when four thousand years ago the people of Israel lived every part of their lives with the thought of the Messiah's coming. He was the Conqueror who would free them from oppression.

Yet when all points of the prophecy regarding Christ's birth, persecution, betrayal, death and resurrection had actually come to pass, they rejected Him, resorted to alibis and faced political failure, national dishonor and humiliation.

All scripture can be spelled out in three sentences: He is coming; He came; He is coming again.

The only thing that can keep the church going today is the universal thought, "He is coming again." Talking peace, holding conferences or scrapping war material are futile. Every human being must have God's peace in his heart.

Everything, everywhere seems to be in the utmost chaotic condition. Even our own nation is putting little things first. So people

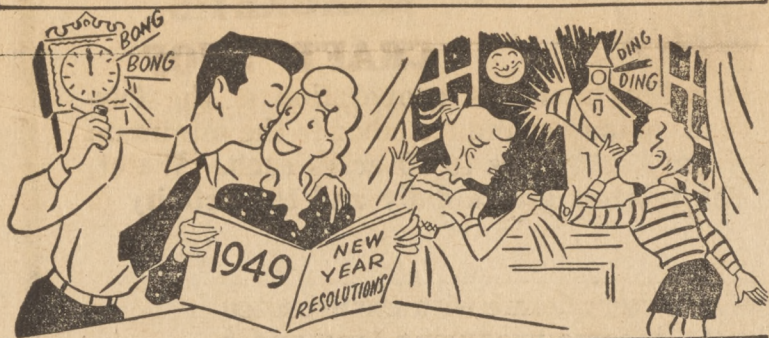
are saying, "There must be something else."

In a way Christ comes again and again but the world receives Him not. True it surely is through His influence that human slavery has been abolished, woman raised from her low estate, child labor outlawed and all labor honored. However when we become absolutely serious in expecting Him we will not do much talking about it but will be prepared in every way for that coming. Jesus promised, "I will not leave you comfortless, I will come again." Is He coming again to you?

If we are not doing greater things it is because of our doubt. Let us believe in Christ, each becoming an ambassador, telling everyone that Christ is coming again.

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Kitchen Hints for Forty-Niners



By BETTY BARCLAY

Modern Forty-Niners may not have a gold rush in view but women still find themselves rushing around — worrying what to serve at lunch or dinner. Will the following help? I sincerely hope so!

Date Wheat Bread

- 1 cup boiling water
- 1 cup wheat-meal
- 1 cup sliced dates
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 egg, well beaten
- 1 tablespoon melted shortening
- 1 1/2 cups sifted flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons soda
- 1 teaspoon salt

Pour boiling water over wheat-meal and dates; let stand 20 minutes. Add sugar, egg, and shortening, and mix well. Sift flour once, measure, add soda and salt, and sift again. Add to cereal mixture, stirring only enough to dampen all flour. Bake in greased loaf pan, 9 x 4 x 3 inches, in moderate oven (350° F.) 1 hour and 5 minutes, or until done.

Pumpkin Ice Cream Pie

- 1 rennet tablet
- 1 tablespoon cold water
- 2 cups light cream
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup corn syrup*
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cup pumpkin
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/8 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

Dissolve rennet tablet by crushing in cold water. Add sugar, corn syrup and vanilla to light cream. Mix pumpkin, brown sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt together and add to cream mixture. Warm slowly, stirring constantly. Test a drop on inside of wrist frequently. When COMFORTABLY WARM, (110° F.) not hot, remove at once from heat. Add dissolved rennet tablet and stir quickly for a few

seconds only. Pour at once, while still liquid, into refrigerator tray. Do not move until set — about 10 minutes. Place in freezing compartment and freeze until firm. Remove from tray to bowl, break up with fork and beat with electric or rotary beater until free from hard lumps but still a thick mush. Finish freezing.

* Corn syrup may be replaced by 1/4 cup sugar.

Graham Cracker Crust: Combine 10 finely crushed graham crackers, 1 teaspoon flour, 1/4 cup sugar, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon, 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg. Add 4 tablespoons melted shortening and mix well. Press mixture into an 8" pie plate. Chill thoroughly before serving. Fill crust with pumpkin ice cream. Top with graham cracker crumbs.

Crisp Apple Sauce Dessert

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 cups 40% bran flakes
- 2 cups (1 No. 2 can) apple sauce

Melt butter in skillet. Add bran flakes and heat until golden brown, stirring constantly. Place a thin layer of apple sauce in shallow serving dish or sherbet glasses. Add layer of bran flakes; then layer of apple sauce. Repeat, topping with layer of bran flakes. Serve at once with cream or custard sauce. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Get the Coconut All on the Cake

Here's a trick worth mastering for getting coconut on the sides of a luscious holiday cake without messiness. Shake the shredded coconut from can or package into the palm of your left hand. Pat this hand lightly against the side of the cake, which has been freshly frosted, repeating the action until the sides are all coconut covered. Drift the snowy coconut over the top as usual. And don't forget that a luscious coconut cake is a happy addition to holiday menus.

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